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SECRETARY'S MONTREAL VISIT AUGUST 11

1. MONTREAL STAR AUGUST 13 DEVOTED LEAD EDITORIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH EMPHASIZING SECRETARY'S STRONG DESIRE TO AVOID UNILATERAL ACTION ON 200 MILE ZONE: "IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE, HENRY KISSINGER'S ADDRESS THIS WEEK TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION UNDERLINED THE WISDOM OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO IMPOSE UNILATERALLY A NATIONAL ECONOMIC ZONE 200 MILES OUT TO SEA.

"THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE SUPPORTED CANADA'S DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE THROUGH NEGOTIATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, HE LEFT NO DOUBT ABOUT THE DANGERS WHICH FACE US IF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD EMBARK ON A COMPETITIVE ROUND OF UNILATERAL ACTIONS IN THE SEA AND THE SEABED.

"LIKE THAT OF CANADA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDER HEAVY POLITICAL PRESSURE TO ANNOUNCE A UNILATERAL 200-

MILE LIMIT TO PROTECT DOMESTIC FISHERIES FROM FOREIGN FLEETS.
LIKE THAT OF CANADA, IT HAS SO FAR RESISTED THIS PRESSURE.

"BUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ALSO UNDER PRESSURE FROM LARGE CORPORATIONS WHICH ARE ANXIOUS TO BEGIN EXPLOITATION OF THE RICH MINERAL DEPOSITS IN THE DEEP SEABED. THE TECHNOLOGY FOR SUCH EXPLOITATION ALREADY EXISTS. IF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WERE TO UNLEASH ITS CORPORATE GIANTS INTO THE DEEP SEABED WITHOUT WAITING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO CONTROL AND SHARE THE BENEFITS OF THAT EXPLOITATION, THE EFFECTS ON THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC BALANCE, AND EVEN ON WORLD PEACE, COULD BE INCALCULABLE.

"THERE IS A LONG WAY TO GO YET BEFORE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED TO GOVERN EXPLOITATION OF THE DEEP SEABED. MANY OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS WANT THE EXPLOITATION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD SHARE THE SEABED'S WEALTH AMONG THE WORLD'S POOR COUNTRIES. THE U.S. HAS ARGUED FOR OPEN ACCESS TO PRIVATE CORPORATIONS, WITH ONLY MINIMAL CONTROLS BY AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY.

"DR. KISSINGER MADE A MOVE TOWARDS COMPROMISE IN HIS MONTREAL ADDRESS WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY COULD BE GIVEN A LIMITED ROLE IN DIRECT EXPLOITATION. BUT THE U.S. POSITION REMAINS WELL SHORT OF WHAT OTHER NATIONS COULD, OR SHOULD, ACCEPT.

"DR. KISSINGER REITERATED THE U.S. INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING AN INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR THE DEEP SEABED, BUT HE WARNED THAT 'WE CANNOT DEFER OUR OWN DEEP SEABED MINING FOR TOO MUCH LONGER.' 'CANADA'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO RESIST THAT PRESSURE FOR AN UNCONTROLLED RUSH TO GET AT THE SEABED RESOURCES. ONE WAY WE CAN DO SO IS BY RESTRAINING OUR OWN URGE TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION TO PROTECT OUR OWN POSITION IN THE SEA, NO MATTER HOW JUSTIFIED THAT POSITION IS.

"BY ABANDONING THE INTERNATIONAL APPROACH, CANADA COULD HELP OPEN THE GATES TO A STAMPEDE WHICH WOULD TURN THE SEABED FROM 'THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND' INTO A NEW COLONY TO BE RAPED BY WHOEVER WAS THE RICHEST, THE STRONGEST AND THE MOST RUTHLESS."

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LESS."

2. CP CARRIED MONTREAL STORY BASED ON RICHARD MURRAY'S REMARKS TO THE ABA. MURRAY IS COMMISSIONER OF THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY AND PRESIDENT DESIGNATE OF THE FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK." A SENIOR CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL PUBLICLY REBUKED SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER YESTERDAY FOR NOT VISITING OTTAWA AND CHARGED THAT SOME U.S. GOVERNMENT

ACTIONS STIR UP UNNECESSARY ANTI-AMERICANISM IN CANADA." CP QUOTES MURRAY AS SAYING U.S. INSENSITIVITY TO CANADIAN PROBLEMS BRINGS OUT THE WORST IN CANADA'S ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL NATIONALISTS. HE REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO THE FREQUENTLY PLANNED AND POSTPONED VISIT BY MR. KISSINGER TO OTTAWA AND TO CASES OF U.S. INTERVENTION IN SALES OF GOODS TO CUBA BY U.S. OWNED COMPANIES BASED IN CANADA. NOTING THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER CAME TO OTTAWA FOR THE NATO MEETING LAST YEAR AND TO MONTREAL MONDAY, MURRAY IS QUOTED AS SAYING "IT IS A LITTLE SURPRISING" THAT HE COULD NOT FIND ANY TIME TO SPEND A DAY OR TWO IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER PIERRE TRUDEAU WHOM MR. MURRAY SAID SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD FIND TO BE "A MAN OF VERY HIGH INTELLECT." THE CP

STORY POINTS OUT THAT MR. TRUDEAU SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE DELAY IN THE KISSINGER OTTAWA VISIT AND CONCLUDES WITH A STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO THE EFFECT THAT MR. MURRAY WAS EXPRESSING A PERSONAL OPINION. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MONTREAL VISIT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE SECRETARY AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ALLAN MACEACHEN BEFORE MR. KISSINGER VISITED MONTREAL AND THAT "MR. MURRAY MUST HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING PERSONAL VIEWS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT REPRESENT THOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT."

3. CBC RADIO GAVE EXTENSIVE, FACTUAL COVERAGE OF THE KISSINGER SPEECH MONDAY AND TUESDAY TAKING EXCERPTS FROM THE LAW OF THE SEA SECTION OF THE SPEECH.

4. LA PRESSE IN MONTREAL AUGUST 13 RAN VERBATIM EXCERPTS FROM LAW OF THE SEA SECTION OF SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.
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